

OFFICE OF THE  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY HALL  
1305 HANCOCK ST., QUINCY, MA 02169 617-376-1183

Dear Taxpayer:

The Board of Assessors wishes to give consideration to all applications for abatement of real estate taxes filed for fiscal year 2012. However, a section of the General Laws of Massachusetts will prevent action by the Board on your application unless action is taken within three months from the date of the filing of the application. A provision of this same law does allow the Assessors to act on an application beyond the three month period with WRITTEN CONSENT by the taxpayer.

In order to prevent as much inconvenience to the TAXPAYER as possible, we are attaching a copy of the consent agreement so that, if you wish, it may be signed and filed by you at the time of the filing of the application.

Failure to consent to this extension would mean that no action can be taken by the Assessors after the three months from the filing date has passed.

**This application must be filed in the Assessors Office no later than February 1, 2012 or have a US Post Office postmark of no later than February 1, 2012. Do not put in City Hall Drop Box for payments or mail in with tax payments. This will result in a late filing or no receipt of the filing.**

Cordially yours,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 64, I/we hereby consent to an additional three months beyond the three (3) months provided by application for the abatement of the tax for the fiscal year 2012, on my/our real estate located at

\_\_\_\_\_  
Quincy, Massachusetts.

I understand that I/we still have the statutory right to appeal any abatement allowed or denied by the Board of Assessors for a period of three months from the date of such action. This further appeal, if necessary, is to be filed with the Appellate Tax Board, 100 Cambridge Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02114 -2509, Tel. 617-727-3100.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS SHEET WITH APPLICATION

DEAR TAXPAYER:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 59, SECTION 61A THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS REQUESTS THAT YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY VERIFICATION FORM SO THAT THE PROPERTY RECORD CARD MAY BE REVIEWED FOR ANY INACCURACIES THAT MAY AFFECT THE VALUE.

(CAPE-RANCH-COLONIAL-OTHER)

1. HOUSE STYLE \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF STORIES \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF APTS. \_\_\_\_\_  
EXTERIOR: WOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK \_\_\_\_\_ VINYL \_\_\_\_\_ ALUM \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE OF HOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

2. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN REMODELED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS (EXCLUSIVE OF BATHROOMS & BASEMENT ROOMS) \_\_\_\_\_

4. NUMBER OF BATHROOMS #FULL \_\_\_\_\_ #HALF \_\_\_\_\_

5. NUMBER OF BEDROOMS \_\_\_\_\_

6. DOES THE PROPERTY HAVE A FULL BASEMENT \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

7. HOW MUCH OF THE BASEMENT IS FINISHED? \_\_\_\_\_ %LVG AREA \_\_\_\_\_ %REC ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ %

8. IS THERE A WALK IN ATTIC? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, IS ANY OF THE ATTIC FINISHED LIVING SPACE? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ %FINISHED

9. NUMBER OF FIREPLACES? \_\_\_\_\_

10. HEAT: TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ FUEL \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

11. GARAGE: ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_ DETACHED \_\_\_\_\_ GARAGE UNDER \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

12. BREEZEWAY: \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ BARN \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ CARPORT \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ SHED \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
PORCH: ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ SCREEN \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ OPEN \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
DECK: \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

13. POOL: ABOVE GROUND \_\_\_\_\_ IN GROUND \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

14. DOES YOUR LOT HAVE ANY FACTORS WHICH YOU FEEL AFFECT ITS VALUE? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. A. DATE OF PURCHASE \_\_\_\_\_ SALES PRICE \_\_\_\_\_ YES NO  
B. AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE DID ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY? (CHECK ONE)

1.	BUYING FROM A RELATIVE	_____	_____
2.	BUYING A PROPERTY WHICH WAS ON THE MARKET FOR MORE THAN 9 MONTHS	_____	_____
3.	BUYING A PROPERTY WHERE THE SELLER TOOK BACK A MORTGAGE	_____	_____
4.	FORECLOSURE OR PROPERTY BROUGHT AT AUCTION IF YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW:	_____	_____
	_____		
	_____		

16. WERE THERE ANY OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH AFFECTED THE PRICE? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OVERVALUATION CLAIMS ARE BASED ON 1 OF 2 REASONS**

**A. OVERVALUATION BASED ON SALES MARKET ACTIVITIES.**

**B. OVERVALUATION BASED ON ASSESSED VALUES OF SIMILAR PROPERTIES.**

**UPON FILING EITHER (OR BOTH) CLAIMS, 3 PROPERTIES OF COMPARISON SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.**

**A. SALES MARKET COMPARABLE PROPERTIES. SALES LISTED MUST HAVE OCCURRED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2010.**

	1 <sup>ST</sup> SALE	2 <sup>ND</sup> SALE	3 <sup>RD</sup>
BUYER			
SELLER			
LOCATION			
MAP/PLOT/LOT			
SALES PRICE			
SALES DATE			
BOOK/PAGE			

**B. SIMILAR PROPERTIES COMPARED BY VALUE.**

LOCATION/ADDRESS	MAP/PLOT/LOT	ASSESSED VALUE	OWNER

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF ☒ REAL PROPERTY TAX  
☐ PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

FISCAL YEAR 2012  
General Laws Chapter 59, § 59

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION (See General Laws Chapter 59, § 60)

Return to: Board of Assessors

Must be filed with assessors not later than due  
date of first actual (not preliminary) tax payment  
for fiscal year. Due on or before 2/1/2012

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete BOTH sides of application. Please print or type.

**A. TAXPAYER INFORMATION.**

Name(s) of assessed owner: _____			
Name(s) and status of applicant (if other than assessed owner) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent owner (acquired title after January 1) on _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrator/executor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgagee.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lessee.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify.		
Mailing address _____		Telephone No. (     ) _____	
No. _____	Street _____	City/Town _____	Zip Code _____
Amounts and dates of tax payments _____			

**B. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION.** Complete using information as it appears on tax bill.

Tax bill no. _____	Assessed valuation \$ _____		
Location _____			
No. _____ Street _____			
Description _____			
Real: _____	Parcel identification no. (map-block-lot) _____	Land area _____	Class _____
Personal: _____	Property type(s) _____		

**C. REASON(S) ABATEMENT SOUGHT.** Check reason(s) an abatement is warranted and briefly explain why it applies.  
Continue explanation on attachment if necessary.

<input type="checkbox"/> Overvaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect usage classification
<input type="checkbox"/> Disproportionate assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify.
Applicant's opinion of: Value \$ _____ Class _____	
Explanation _____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	

FILING THIS FORM DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR TAXES. TO AVOID LOSS OF APPEAL RIGHTS OR  
ADDITION OF INTEREST AND OTHER COLLECTION CHARGES, THE TAX SHOULD BE PAID AS ASSESSED.

THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

## D. SIGNATURES.

Subscribed this _____ day of _____, _____		Under penalties of perjury.
Signature of applicant _____		
If not an individual, signature of authorized officer _____		Title _____
(print or type) Name _____	Address _____	Telephone _____
If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.		

### TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

**REASONS FOR AN ABATEMENT.** An abatement is a reduction in the tax assessed on your property for the fiscal year. To dispute your valuation or assessment or to correct any other billing problem or error that caused your tax bill to be higher than it should be, you must apply for an abatement.

You may apply for an abatement if your property is: 1) overvalued (assessed value is more than fair cash value on January 1 for any reason, including clerical and data processing errors or assessment of property that is non-existent or not taxable to you), 2) disproportionately assessed in comparison with other properties, 3) classified incorrectly as residential, open space, commercial or industrial real property, or 4) partially or fully exempt.

**WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION.** You may file an application if you are:

- the assessed or subsequent (acquiring title after January 1) owner of the property,
- the owner's administrator or executor,
- a tenant paying rent who is obligated to pay more than one-half of the tax,
- a person owning or having an interest or possession of the property, or
- a mortgagee if the assessed owner has not applied.

In some cases, you must pay all or a portion of the tax before you can file.

**WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED.** Your application must be filed with the board of assessors on or before the date the first installment payment of the actual tax bill mailed for the fiscal year is due, unless you are a mortgagee. If so, your application must be filed between September 20 and October 1. Actual tax bills are those issued after the tax rate is set. Applications filed for omitted, revised or reassessed taxes must be filed within 3 months of the date the bill for those taxes was mailed. **THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN ABATEMENT AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE. TO BE TIMELY FILED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE (1) RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE AS SHOWN BY A POSTMARK MADE BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.**

**PAYMENT OF TAX.** Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay the tax when due to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax assessed when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an abatement is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as abated, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

**ASSESSORS DISPOSITION.** Upon applying for an abatement, you may be asked to provide the assessors with written information about the property and permit them to inspect it. Failure to provide the information or permit an inspection within 30 days of the request may result in the loss of your appeal rights.

The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an abatement has been granted or denied.

**APPEAL.** You may appeal the disposition of your application to the Appellate Tax Board, or if applicable, the County Commissioners. The appeal must be filed within 3 months of the date the assessors acted on your application, or the date your application was deemed denied, whichever is applicable. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.

### DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY)

Ch 59, § 61A return	GRANTED <input type="checkbox"/>	Assessed value	_____
Date sent _____	DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	Abated value	_____
Date returned _____	DEEMED DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	Adjusted value	_____
On-site inspection		Assessed tax	_____
Date _____		Abated tax	_____
By _____	Date voted/Deemed denied _____	Adjusted tax	_____
	Certificate No. _____		
	Date Cert./Notice sent _____	Board of Assessors	
Data changed _____	Appeal _____		
	Date filed _____		
Valuation _____	Decision _____		
	Settlement _____	Date: _____	